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1. (LOU) THE "FRIDAY REPORT", PREPARED FOR A/S WEEKLY MEETING, FOLLOWS. SOME OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS SENSITIVE, DEALING WITH INTERAGENCY MATTERS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION OR REVIEW. DISTRIBUTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE CONFINED TO STATE PERSONNEL.

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT: FRIDAY REPORT, 8/13/93

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3. (C) AF

-- ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE:

A/S MOOSE IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE, AND WILL RETURN TO THE OFFICE OOB MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1993. AF/PDAS MR. EDWARD BRYNN WILL BE ACTING A/S THROUGHOUT MR. MOOSE'S LEAVE.

ON FRIDAY, SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER MET PRIVATELY WITH SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSTAPHA NIASSE WHO WAS PART OF AN ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS BOSNIA. DAS BUSHNELL SAT IN ON THE MEETING. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, MR. BRYNN MET WITH AMBASSADOR JESSERAMSING OF MAURITIUS.

IN PURSUING U.S. INTERESTS IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION, PEACEKEEPING AND DEMOCRATIZATION MEETINGS ON LIBERIA, RWANDA, TOGO, ZAIRE AND KENYA FILLED OUT THE EARLIER DAYS OF THE WEEK. BOTH DAS BRYNN AND BUSHNELL MET WITH LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BACCUS MATTHEWS ON THURSDAY,

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WHILE EARLIER IN THE WEEK LIBERIA AND RWANDA WERE
DISCUSSED IN AN NSC-CHAired PEACEKEEPING MEETING. TOGO
FOREIGN MINSTER NATCHABA MET WITH DAS BRYNN ON TUESDAY TO
DISCUSS THE LATEST EVENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR THE
UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

MR. BRYNN ALSO HAD A VERY INSIGHTFUL MEETING ON THE NEXT
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STEPS ON THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY IN ZAIRE WITH U.N. ENVOY
LAKHDAR BRAHIMI. DAS BUSHNELL MET WITH KENYAN OPPOSITION
LEADER GITOBU IMANYARA ON WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS A VARIETY
OF ISSUES FROM DEMOCRATIZATION TO SPECIFIC HUMAN RIGHTS
MATTERS. MR. BRYNN TOOK A POLICY BREAK TO DISCUSS
BASKETBALL, AND YES- SUDAN AS WELL, WITH PRO-BASKETBALL
PLAYER MANUTE BOLL. FINALLY, THE WEEK ENDED WITH THE
SWEARING-IN OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO GUINEA, JOSEPH
SALOOM, ON THURSDAY MORNING. MR. SALOOM IS THE FIRST
AMBASSADOR OF SYRIAN DESCENT TO BE SWORN-IN AS A U.S.
AMBASSADOR.

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KEY PERSONNEL

AF/C REINVENTS ITSELF:
SINCE ALL BUT ONE OFFICER (STEVE HONLEY) TRANSFER OUT OF
AF/C THIS SUMMER, IT SEEMED A PROPITIOUS TIME TO ADJUST
COUNTRY PORTFOLIOS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. HERE IS THE
NEW LINE-UP:

ARLENE RENDER: OFFICE DIRECTOR (ARRIVES 8/16)

REED FENDRICK: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ARRIVES 8/23; ALSO BACKS
UP ZAIRE DESK OFFICER)

TERRY MCCULLEY: ZAIRE (ARRIVES NOVEMBER; BACKS UP AF/C
DEPUTY DIRECTOR)

STEVE HONLEY: CAMEROON, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (BACKS UP
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KEVIN AISTON: RWANDA, BURUNDI (BACKS UP CONGO/GABON/SAO TOME)

LORI MAGNUSSON: CONGO, GABON, SAO TOME (BACKS UP RWANDA/BURUNDI AND, SECONDARILY, ZAIRE)

MARY GRANDFIELD: CHAD, CAR (ARRIVES OCTOBER; BACKS UP CAMEROON/EG)

ZAIRE

-- BRAHIMI BRIEFS:

UNSYG SPECIAL ENVOY TO ZAIRE LAKHDAR BRAHIMI TOLD US HE WAS APPALLED BY SCANDALOUS CONDITIONS IN ZAIRE WITH A FEW RICH VULTURES HOVERING WHILE EVERYONE ELSE GOES WITH LITTLE OR NOTHING. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE SELF-DECEPTION OF MOBUTU AND TSHISEKEDI REGARDING US BELGIAN AND FRENCH POLICY, AND KEENLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MOBUTU'S ETHNO-MILITARY BASE. IN HIS VIEW, THE THREE COUNTRIES MUST VIGOROUSLY AND VISIBLY SUPPORT THE UN, IF THE LATTER IS GOING TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION. HE PROPOSED A TRILATERAL MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL WITH BBG IN SEPT. TO WORK OUT A PLAN OF ACTION. WE ADVISED BRAHIMI THAT WE LIKED HIS IDEA, BUT THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE COMPETITION IN AFRICA FOR OUR TIME AND RESOURCES.

-- NO AGREEMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS:

MOBUTU AND THE OPPOSITION CONTINUE TO BOB AND WEAVE OVER
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NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE NOT YET REACHED AGREEMENT ON WHERE AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS. IN AN ATTEMPT TO MARGINALIZE

ONE OF THE ONLY CREDIBLE AND EVEN HANDED MEDIATORS, THE MOBUTUITES (AND EVEN A FEW OPPOSITIONISTS) ARE REJECTING ANY ROLE IN THE TALKS FOR HIGH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO. MEANWHILE, MOBUTU REMAINS IN KINSHASA AND IS ACTING MORE AND MORE LIKE A POLITICAL CANDIDATE. OPPOSITION UNITY VIS-A-VIS MOBUTU PROVED SHORTLIVED, AND SEVERAL PARTIES HAVE RESUMED THEIR SQUABBLING.

CHAD

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-- DEFINITELY NOT THE WAY TO OBSERVE NATIONAL DAY
A SERIES OF ARMED CLASHES CAST A SHADOW OVER AUG. 11
NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCES. FIGHTING LAST WEEK IN THE
EASTERN PREFECTURE OF OUADDAI KILLED AT LEAST 64 PEOPLE,
WITH MANY MORE INJURED. THE GOC BLAMED REBEL LEADER ABBAS
KOTY, BUT MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE NATIONAL ARMY STRUCK
FIRST TO NEUTRALIZE REBEL CAPABILITIES. LATER WHEN
SECURITY FORCES IN THE CAPITAL WERE UNABLE TO DISPERSE AN
AUG. 8 PROTEST OF THE MASSACRE, THEY OPENED FIRE, KILLING
AT LEAST ANOTHER 41 (HUNDREDS MORE WERE WOUNDED AND
ARRESTED). CALM HAS RETURNED TO NDJAMENA.

CONGO

-- OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE:
THE BARRICADES HAVE COME DOWN, PEOPLE ARE TURNING IN
UNAUTHORIZED WEAPONS, AND LIFE IS RETURNING TO NORMAL. SO
MUCH SO THAT THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THE LIFTING OF
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ORDERED DEPARTURE STATUS. THE ONLY RECENT UNREST OCCURRED
WHEN BRAZZAVILLE'S BANKS BEGAN ISSUING APRIL 93 CIVIL
SERVICE SALARY PAYMENTS, THE FIRST SINCE EARLY JUNE. THE
ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD GATHERED ABOUT THE BANK, HOWLED WITH
EXCITEMENT AND STARTED CLIMBING ON TOP OF ONE ANOTHER TO
GET INSIDE.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

-- . . . AND THEY'RE OFF::
THE OFFICIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS RUNNING, ALBEIT
AWKWARDLY. KOLINGBA REPLACED LARGER TOWN MAYORS (WHOSE
TERMS HAD EXPIRED) WITH LOYAL RDC MEN, WHILE FRANCE, THE
EEC, AND JAPAN HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE SOME FINANCIAL AID
FOR THE ELECTIONS. KOLINGBA STILL BELIEVES THAT HE CAN
WIN, EVEN THOUGH HIS PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR NOT ONLY HAS
ADVISED HIM OTHERWISE, BUT IS LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

-- LIFE'S A . . . :
IN AN UNEXPECTED MOVE, THE IMF SUSPENDED FURTHER
DISBURSEMENTS UNDER ITS CURRENT ENHANCED STRUCTURAL
ADJUSTMENT FACILITY (ESAF) BECAUSE THE GREG HAS FALLEN
SIGNIFICANTLY SHORT IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS. THE
MEETING OF THE PARIS CLUB WITH AN EG AGENDA ITEM,

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SCHEDULED FOR OCT., MAY NOW BE IN JERUSALEM. ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
REALLY BAD NEWS (FOR OBIANG) IS THAT THE MOROCCAN GUARDS
STOPPED PROVIDING PROTECTION TO HIM ON AUG. 11 AND WILL BE
LEAVING SHORTLY. THIS IS A STEP WE HAD URGED FOR MONTHS
BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE EMBOLDENED HIM TO CONTINUED SERIOUS
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HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND HEIGHTENED HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO
MOVE TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION. THE ONE BRIGHT NOTE FOR
OBIANG IS THAT WHILE FRANCE IS SENDING ELECTION OBSERVERS
HE IS STILL NOT SPEAKING TO US IN MALABO AND IS BEING
BARELY CIVIL TO THE SPANISH.

CAMEROON

-- A SPY SAGA, CAMEROONIAN STYLE:
AFTER AN INITIAL BURST OF PUBLICITY, AMERICAN MEDIA
INTEREST IN THE AUG. 4 ARREST OF CAMEROONIAN LPR DOMINIC
NTUBE FOR ESPIONAGE HAS DIED DOWN. BACK IN CAMEROON
HOWEVER, THE STORY IS GENERATING NEW GRIST FOR THE RUMOR
MILL.

GABON

-- THE STORM BEFORE THE CALM:
LIBREVILLE HAS EXPERIENCED A FLURRY OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY
BEFORE ITS USUAL AUG. VACATION BEGINS. THERE ARE NOW TEN
DECLARED ENTRANTS FOR THE DEC. PRESIDENTIAL RACE (WHICH
SEVERAL MAJOR CANDIDATES, SUCH AS PRESIDENT BONGO, HAVE
YET TO ENTER), AND THE GOG IS ALREADY ISSUING NATIONAL ID
CARDS (THE PREFERRED IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING).
MEANWHILE, NDI IS PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON ITS
AREAF PROPOSAL TO TRAIN LOCAL ELECTION MONITORS AND FIELD
INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS.

SAO TOME

-- COMING TO WASHINGTON:
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THE GOSTP HAS CONFIRMED THAT IT PLANS TO SHIFT ITS EMBASSY
FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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WE BELIEVE THIS IS A WISE DECISION, ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
ENCOURAGING FOR SOME TIME, BUT ARE URGING THE SAO TOMEANS
TO BE MODEST AND REALISTIC AS THEY PLAN THE MOVE. SEVERAL
OTHER AF/C COUNTRY EMBASSIES HERE HAVE ALREADY LANDED IN

DIRE FINANCIAL STRAITS. THE LAST THING WE NEED IS ONE
MORE.

RWANDA

-- NIF STILL THE TOP PRIORITY:

ON MONDAY, PRIME MINISTER UWILINGIYIMANA SUMMONED
DIPLOMATS FROM THE PERM FIVE COUNTRIES TO URGE SUPPORT FOR
DEPLOYMENT OF A UN-LED, NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF)
TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE ACCORD. SHE GOT SYMPATHY, BUT NO
FIRM COMMITMENTS. AMB. HOUDEK STOPPED IN PARIS ON HIS WAY
BACK FROM ARUSHA TO CONSULT WITH THE FRENCH, WHO REPORTED
THAT THEY SEE A UN-LED NIF AS THE KEY, BUT HAVEN'T COME TO
A CONSENSUS ON THE MISSION'S SIZE OR SCOPE. OUR
INTERAGENCY GROUP IS ALSO DEBATING THIS ISSUE, AND HAVE
DECIDED TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE UN RECON MISSION
SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR RWANDA AT WEEK'S END.

-- FUTURE OF NMOG BECOMES HOT TOPIC:

THE NMOG HAS BEGUN ITS EXPANSION WITH A NEW CONTINGENT OF
30 SENEGALESE AND 25 CONGOLESE TO REPLACE THE NMOG-ERS
ROTATING OUT. THE OAU EXPECTS 60 TUNISIANS "ANY DAY," BUT
HAS GIVEN UP ON GETTING THE 120 NIGERIANS. THE EXPANDED
FORCE (WHICH AT 125 WOULD BE HALF OF WHAT THEY HAD

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PLANNED) IS EXPECTED TO SERVE AS A BRIDGE UNTIL THE NIF
ARRIVES. AFTER THAT, THEIR FATE IS UNCLEAR. ALTHOUGH UN
U/SYG JONAH TOLD USUN THAT SALIM SALIM DOES NOT WANT THE
OAU INVOLVED IN THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, OAU OFFICIALS
TOLD ADDIS THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL NMOG CONTINGENT COULD
CHOOSE TO BE FOLDED INTO THE UN FORCE.

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ETHIOPIA

-- CARTER-MELES LOVEFEAST:

PRESIDENT CARTER, FRESH FROM MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MELES
AND OTHER ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS IN ADDIS, DESCRIBED THE
ETHIOPIAN PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT CLINTON IN AN AUGUST 10

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LETTER AS A "SUPERB LEADER". CARTER ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ HE IS
CONVINCED THAT MELES IS TRYING TO BRING HIS COUNTRY INTO
AN "ERA OF UNITY, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS". CARTER ANNOUNCED THAT HIS CENTER WILL HELP IN
THE PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE
FIRST QUARTER OF 1994. CARTER'S INTEREST IN THE ETHIOPIAN
TRANSITION IS A REAL PLUS, BUT HE APPEARS OVERLY SANGUINE
ABOUT DEMOCRATIZATION PROSPECTS. WE AGREE WITH CARTER

THAT OROMO LEADERS "BUZZING AROUND WASHINGTON AND LONDON"
SHOULD BE PRESSED TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN DEVELOPING A
NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL
ELECTIONS. BUT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THEM "FAIR TREATMENT.",
AS CARTER PROPOSES, ANYMORE THAN WE WERE ABLE TO GUARANTEE
AN INTIMIDATION-FREE ELECTION IN JUNE 1992.

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-- FIRST FELES MORA REACH ISRAEL:
THE FIRST SIXTEEN OF 129 FELES MORA (ETHIOPIANS WHO CLAIM
TO BE DESCENDANTS OF FALASHAS FORCIBLY CONVERTED TO
CHRISTIANITY), APPROVED FOR IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL, ARRIVED
AUGUST 9. ISRAELI OFFICIALS STRESSED THAT FAMILY
REUNIFICATION, RATHER THAN THEIR MUCH DEBATED STATUS AS
JEWS, IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THEIR IMMIGRATION.

ERITREA

-- ERITREAN AMBASSADOR RAISES AID ISSUE WITH ACTING
SECRETARY:
DURING HIS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY WITH
ACTING SECRETARY WHARTON, ERITREAN AMBASSADOR HAGOS ONCE
AGAIN PLEADED FOR MORE U.S. AID. AMONG OTHER PRESSING
PROBLEMS, HE SAID ERITREA CANNOT COPE WITH THE
REINTEGRATION OF 90,000 FORMER FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OVER
800,000 REFUGEES. RECALLING RECENT OFFERS BY ERITREA (AND
ETHIOPIA) TO HELP RESOLVE THE SOMALIA CRISIS, HAGOS SAID
THAT A STABLE FRIEND IN THE REGION WOULD BE A GOOD
INVESTMENT.

COMOROS

-- DEPORTATIONS FROM MAYOTTE:
A WAVE OF DEPORTATIONS OF COMORIANS FROM MAYOTTE, WHICH IS
THE FOURTH ISLAND OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND ADMINISTERED BY
FRANCE, IS CAUSING AN UPROAR. THE DEPORTATIONS, WHICH

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APPEAR TO BE PART OF THE GROWING ANTI-FRANCE
IN FRANCE, MAY RENEW COMORIAN CALLS FOR REINTEGRATION OF
MAYOTTE INTO THE FEDERAL ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF THE COMOROS
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(A NON-STARTER) .

MADAGASCAR

-- RAVONY IS PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE
FRANCISQUE RAVONY SURPRISINGLY WON A PLURALITY OF 55 VOTES
IN THE NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO BECOME PRIME
MINISTER-DESIGNATE. HE NOW HAS TWO WEEKS TO WIN OVER 13
MORE DELEGATES FOR THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY NECESSARY FOR
CONFIRMATION: A GOAL WHICH HE CAN ATTAIN BY STRATEGICALLY
FILLING THE 25 MINISTERIAL SLOTS IN HIS NEW GOVERNMENT.
RAVONY, A FRANCOPHILE METIS FROM THE COAST, SHOULD BE ABLE
TO WORK SMOOTHLY WITH FELLOW "COTIER" PRESIDENT ZAFY.

TANZANIA

-- EXCHANGE RATES UNIFIED, PRIVATE BANK OPENS:
IN A MAJOR ECONOMIC REFORM PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENT, TANZANIA
UNIFIED ITS MULTIPLE EXCHANGE RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2 -
ONE YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE RATE WILL NOW BE
DETERMINED BY MARKET FORCES AS REFLECTED BY THE AVERAGE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUREAU RATES. IN ANOTHER POSITIVE
DEVELOPMENT, AFTER 26 YEARS OF STATE FINANCIAL SECTOR
MONOPOLY, A PRIVATE BANK, MERIDIEN BIAO, OPENED IN
TANZANIA.

SUDAN

-- KHARTOUM MILITARY OFFENSIVE:
THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT HAS BROKEN
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THE CEASE-FIRE IT ANNOUNCED IN MARCH, LAUNCHING A MILITARY
OFFENSIVE SOUTH OF JUBA TOWARDS THE UGANDAN BORDER. IT IS
UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS IS A LIMITED THRUST AIMED AT
STRENGTHENING THE GOS'S HAND IN A FUTURE ROUND OF

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NEGOTIATIONS, OR AN ALL OUT DRIVE AGAINST OFF THE
SPLA/MAINSTREAM'S SUPPLY LINES WITH UGANDA. IN ANY CASE,
THE OFFENSIVE CONTRIBUTES TO A FURTHER WORSENING OF THE
HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SOUTHERN SUDAN, AN AREA ALREADY
PLAGUED BY FIERCE FIGHTING AMONG SPLA FACTIONS. THE
DEPARTMENT CONDEMNED THE OFFENSIVE IN AN AUGUST 11 PUBLIC
STATEMENT.

-- REFUGEES FLEE TO UGANDA:

IN THE FACE OF THE GOS OFFENSIVE, 25,000 REFUGEES HAVE
BEEN REGISTERED AT A TRANSIT CAMP IN NORTHERN UGANDA.
THERE ARE ALSO DISQUIETING REPORTS OF 70,000 MORE SUDANESE
FLEEING TOWARD THE UGANDAN BORDER. THE UNHCR APPEARS TO
HAVE THE SITUATION IN HAND, AT LEAST FOR NOW, WHILE
WFP/KAMPALA IS CONDUCTING EMERGENCY FOOD CONVOYS.

-- NO BREAKTHROUGH FOR ENVOY TRAXLER:

THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S ENVOY FOR SUDAN, VIERI TRAXLER,
CONCLUDED FOUR DAYS OF DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH
SUDANESE AUTHORITIES IN KHARTOUM, FALLING FAR SHORT OF A
BREAKTHROUGH ON RELIEF ISSUES. HE CONCLUDED A SET OF
AGREEMENTS AIMED AT BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECEMBER
1992 OPERATION LIFELINE SUDAN (OLS) ACCORD AND THE JANUARY
1993 INTERNATIONAL NGO-GOS AGREEMENT. SUDANESE

AUTHORITIES STONEWALLED TRAXLER'S ATTEMPTS TO GAIN INGO
ACCESS TO THE NUBA MOUNTAINS, FURTHER RAISING CONCERNS
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ABOUT CONDITIONS THERE. SUDANESE CONCESSIONS WERE
GENERALLY MINOR, AND GRANTED ONLY GRUDGINGLY. OUR EMBASSY
CONSIDERS IT USEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIFIC GOS
COMMITMENTS WERE PUT ON PAPER.

-- CARTER SEES MEDIATOR ROLE:

PRESIDENT CARTER, AFTER MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF THE RIVAL
SPLA FACTIONS AND TOP GOS OFFICIALS, BELIEVES THAT ALL THE
CONTENDING PARTIES WOULD ACCEPT HIM AS A PEACE MEDIATOR.
KHARTOUM ASKED ONLY THAT IT BE GIVEN A FEW DAYS TO VERIFY
WITH PRESIDENT BABANGIDA THAT HE PLANS NO FURTHER TALKS.
CARTER'S FIRST OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO TRY TO ARRANGE A
CEASE FIRE. WHILE MAKING NO PREDICTIONS OF SUCCESS,
CARTER HAS WRITTEN PRESIDENT CLINTON THAT INTERNATIONAL
MONITORS AND U.S. HELP WOULD BE NEEDED IF A CEASE FIRE
COULD BE ATTAINED.

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-- UN CAUTIOUSLY ENDORSES ETHIOPIAN/ERITREAN INITIATIVE:
ASSISTANT UN SECRETARY GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING RIZA AND
OTHER UN OFFICIALS GAVE A CAUTIOUS ENDORSEMENT, IN AN
AUGUST 12 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SHINN, TO PRESIDENT
MELES AND PRESIDENT ISSAIAS'S PROPOSAL FOR AN AFRICAN
INITIATIVE TO NEGOTIATE GENERAL ADEED'S POSSIBLE EXILE TO
A THIRD COUNTRY. DESPITE AMERICAN PRODDING, THE UN
OFFICIALS REMAIN RELUCTANT TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE
ETHIOPIANS AND ERITREANS TO GET THE INITIATIVE UNDERWAY,
AND SOMEWHAT RESISTANT TO DISCUSS THE NEGOTIATING
PARAMETERS FOR THE ETHIOPIANS/ERITREANS. IF THE
INITIATIVE SHOWS PROMISE, THE UN IS WILLING TO BECOME MORE
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ENGAGED. FOLLOW UP WILL BE NEEDED.

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-- ERITREA SEEKS IMF/IBRD MEMBERSHIP:
THE FUND HAS RECEIVED ERITREA'S APPLICATION FOR
MEMBERSHIP, AND WILL SOON UNDERTAKE ITS CONSIDERATION BY A
SPECIAL COMMITTEE. ERITREA HAS ALSO APPLIED FOR
MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLD BANK.

-- IMF SUSPENDS SUDAN:
THE IMF EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTED AUGUST 6 TO SUSPEND SUDAN'S
VOTING RIGHTS IN THE FUND BECAUSE OF ITS USD 1.6 BILLION
OVERDUE PAYMENTS. THE VOTE WAS 71.64 PERCENT OF THE IMF'S

TOTAL VOTING POWER, WHICH CARRIED THE SUPPORT OF MOST
WESTERN BOARD MEMBERS (EXCEPT FRANCE) AND A HANDFUL OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRY DIRECTORS, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTING
INDONESIA, BRAZIL, INDIA, AND ARGENTINA. SUDAN'S LARGE
AND PROTRACTED ARREARS, INADEQUATE EFFORTS TO RESUME
PAYMENTS ON CURRENT OBLIGATIONS, AND POOR RECORD OF
ECONOMIC REFORM WERE THE KEY FACTORS BEHIND THE SUSPENSION
VOTE. THE ACTION IS A FIRST AGAINST AN IMF MEMBER
COUNTRY, FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF NEW RULES ALLOWING THIS
PROCEDURE. IT MAY BE A PRECEDENT FOR COUNTRIES IN SIMILAR
SITUATIONS, SUCH AS ZAIRE.

THE BOARD WILL REVISIT SUDAN'S SITUATION ON A REGULAR
SIX-MONTH BASIS, AND MAY DECIDE TO REVERSE THE SUSPENSION
BY A 70 PERCENT MAJORITY VOTE PENDING CREDIBLE TURN-AROUND

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OTHERWISE, THE NEXT STEP IS COMPULSORY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FUND, WHICH REQUIRES AN 85 PERCENT VOTING MAJORITY. SINCE SUDAN REMAINS A MEMBER OF THE IMF, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO FUND SURVEILLANCE AND HAVE CONTACT WITH THE FUND STAFF.

-- GSF EXTENDED:

THE COMPROMISE BUDGET BILL RECENTLY PASSED BY CONGRESS HAS REINSTATED GSP. THE EXTENSION WILL RUN TO SEPTEMBER 1994, AND IS RETROACTIVE TO GSP'S EXPIRATION LAST MONTH, MEANING THAT IMPORTERS WILL GET REFUNDS FOR TARIFFS PAID IN THE INTERIM. THE LEGISLATION ADDED THE FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS TO THE PROGRAM.

-- EQUATORIAL GUINEA'S IMF PROGRAM OFF TRACK:

A VISITING IMF TEAM IS NOT SATISFIED WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA'S PROGRESS UNDER ITS ENHANCED STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY, WHICH WAS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY, AND HAS RECOMMENDED SUSPENDING FURTHER DISBURSEMENTS. THE GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF CONTROL OVER EXPENDITURES AND EXTERNAL BORROWING WAS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE TEAM'S FINDING. RESCHEDULING OF E.G.'S OFFICIAL BILATERAL DEBT (USD 123 MILLION - NONE TO THE U.S.), WHICH WAS ON THE PARIS CLUB'S OCTOBER AGENDA, IS CONTINGENT ON THE IMF'S SEAL OF APPROVAL, AND WILL THUS BE DELAYED.

-- SECOND TRANCHE OF ETHIOPIA'S SAF APPROVED:

ON AUGUST 5, THE IMF APPROVED A LOAN OF USD 29.6 MILLION TO SUPPORT ETHIOPIA'S SECOND ANNUAL STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY (SAF). THE GOVERNMENT IS GENERALLY ON TRACK IN IMPLEMENTING ITS MACROECONOMIC AND STRUCTURAL REFORM

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PROGRAMS. SUCCESSFUL MEASURES WERE THE DECONTROL OF

ADMINISTERED PRICES AND THE ADOPTION OF NEW INVESTMENT AND LABOR CODES, AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE LAW. SINCE THE SAF WAS IMPLEMENTED LAST OCTOBER, REAL GDP HAS GROWN ABOUT 7.6 PERCENT, INFLATION

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HAS BEEN HALVED TO 10 PERCENT, AND ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ RESERVES
ALMOST DOUBLED. THE 1993/94 SAF AIMS AT ACHIEVING REAL
GDP GROWTH OF 5.8 PERCENT, MAINTAINING INFLATION AT
10 PERCENT AND FURTHER INCREASING ETHIOPIA'S RESERVES.

7. (U) AF/EX

-- PMOA

M HAS DELEGATED TO THE AF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY
TO APPROVE, OR DENY, REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE
AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE REGULATIONS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR
LAGOS AND CONSTITUENT POSTS.

ALL EVACUEES, OTHER U.S. EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS RESIDING
OUTSIDE OF NIGERIA WHO HAVE RETURN AIRLINE TICKETS VIA ATA
AIRLINES MUST HAVE NEW GTR'S PREPARED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
AGENCIES ROUTING THEM THROUGH EUROPE. ATA'S DIRECT FLIGHT
TO THE U.S. HAS BEEN SUSPENDED IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT FAA
RULING AND IS UNLIKELY TO RESUME WITHIN THE NEXT THREE
MONTHS.

-- BUDGET NEWS

AF/EX/BFO IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THE ASSOCIATE
COMPTROLLER TO DISCUSS THE TRANSFER OF FMS ACCOUNTING FROM
FMC NAIROBI TO RAMC PARIS. THE BUREAU HAS BEEN LOBBYING
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FMP FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS "LIGHT
AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL." IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE
SUCCESSFUL, FIVE POSTS, NAMELY, BUJUMBURA, KIGALI,
LILONGWE, LUSAKA AND SEYCHELLES, WILL ACCOUNT DIRECTLY TO
RAMC PARIS AND REDUCE NAIROBI'S WORKLOAD CONSIDERABLY. WE
ARE TARGETING OCTOBER 1, 1993, AS THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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MEDIA

NIGERIA DOMINATED THE NEWS THIS WEEK, WITH PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO ABIOLA'S VISIT. SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND
ANGOLA ALSO RECEIVED ATTENTION.

OUTREACH:

WORLD CONFERENCE OF MAYORS: PLANS CONTINUE FOR THE WORLD
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS UPCOMING CONFERENCE AUGUST 25-27 IN

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THE DEPARTMENT.

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NO REPORT THIS WEEK.

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SOUTH AFRICA

-- LOTS OF VISITORS COMING UP. AMB LYMAN WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATIONS FROM SEPT 7-10. PRESIDENT DE
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KLERK WILL ALSO BE HERE LATER IN THE MONTH, AFTER ATTENDING THE 25TH WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS IN NEW YORK. NO INDICATION SO FAR OF HIS PLANS HERE. REPRESENTATIVES OF COSAG WILL ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON EARLY NEXT MONTH.

-- AF/S IS EXPLORING WHAT THE US CAN DO TOWARDS STOPPING THE VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE ARE SEEKING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO POST TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO NATIONAL PEACE ACCORD STRUCTURES.

ANGOLA

-- WE ARE REVIEWING WAYS OF PROVIDING BOTH SYMBOLIC AND PRACTICAL SIGNS OF SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 19 - 30 TRIP TO THE US. WE ARE EVALUATING A VARIETY OF ANGOLAN INITIATIVES - UN, MOROCCO, OAU AND OUR OWN - TO HELP REVIVE ANGOLAN PEACE TALKS.

BOTSWANA

-- OPPOSITION THREATENS TO BOYCOTT ELECTIONS:
THE DIVIDED BOTSWANA NATIONAL FRONT (BNF), THE MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY, HAS THREATENED TO BOYCOTT THE 1994 GENERAL ELECTION UNLESS THE GOB AGREES TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE FROM 21 TO 18; ESTABLISH A MULTI-PARTY BODY TO SUPERVISE THE ELECTIONS, AND; PERMIT BOTSWANANS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY TO VOTE. WHILE THE BNF'S PROPOSALS ARE NOT UNREASONABLE, THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR ADOPTION BEFORE THE ELCTIONS IS REMOTE. MOREOVER, A BNF BOYCOTT WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO THE EMERGENCE OF SMALLER AND WEAKER
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OPPOSITION PARTIES.

LESOTHO

-- AID REVIEW SET FOR AUGUST 17:
AN INTERAGENCY GROUP WILL REVIEW THE FUTURE OF THE AID PROGRAM IN LESOTHO AT AN AUGUST 17 MEETING. AID WANTS TO PHASE OUT ALL DIRECT-HIRE POSITIONS BY THE END OF FY94, HAVING NGOS AND OFFICERS BASED IN SWAZILAND, ZIMBABWE, OR KENYA OVERSEE THE AID PROGRAM. STATE WANTS AN AID DIRECT-HIRE PRESENCE TO CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH FY96.

-- GOL PLANS TO REPEAL INTERNAL SECURITY ACT:
FOREIGN MINISTER QHOBELA TOLD OUR CHARGE THAT THE CABINET HAD DECIDED TO REPEAL THE 1984 INTERNAL SECURITY ACT.

MALAWI

-- AID FUNDS FOR MALAWI UNFROZEN:
ON AUGUST 6, AID APPROVED THE RELEASE OF DOLLARS 11 MILLION IN FY93 BILATERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS TO MALAWI WHICH HAD BEEN FROZEN IN ORDER TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE POLITICAL REFORMS. THIS ACTION WAS BASED ON A DETERMINATION THAT SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRANSITION TO MULTIPARTY ELECTIONS. THE BRITISH RELEASED ITS BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO MALAWI EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

MOZAMBIQUE

-- MULTIPARTY CONFERENCE STALLED:
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DISAGREEMENT OVER THE COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION HAS THE MULTIPARTY TALKS ON MOZAMBIQUE'S ELECTORAL LAW AT AN IMPASSE. THE 12 UNARMED OPPOSITION PARTIES SIDED WITH RENAMO TO REJECT THE GRM'S LATEST PROPOSAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMISSION'S 21 SEATS. SOME OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES TOOK UN SPECIAL REP ALDO AJELLO TO TASK FOR IMPROPERLY PRESSURING THE CONFERENCE TO PRODUCE A DRAFT LAW. AJELLO RESPONDED THAT

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HE WAS ENCOURAGING PROGRESS ONLY TO AVOID ASSUMED
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IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS THAT FURTHER DELAYS WILL CAUSE.

NAMIBIA

-- GON CONTINUES TO FLOG WALVIS BAY REINTEGRATION:
ON AUGUST 10, GON COUNSELLOR ISAAK MET WITH AF/S AND ASKED
THE USG TO ENCOURAGE THE SAG TO SUPPORT A PAC-SPONSORED
RESOLUTION TO THE MULTI-PARTY NEGOTIATING FORUM. THE PAC
RESOLUTION, WHICH HAD ANC SUPPORT, URGED THE FORUM TO

EXCLUDE WALVIS BAY AND THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS FROM THE
PROPOSED REGIONAL BOUNDARIES AND CALLED ON THE SAG TO
RETURN THE TERRITORIES IMMEDIATELY TO THE GON. WE TOLD
ISAAK THAT THE USG HAS WELCOMED THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED
UNDER THE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY (JAA), AND IN
THAT REGARD, THE USG BELIEVED THAT CONTINUED DISCUSSION
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SAG AND GON IS THE BEST
APPROACH FOR RESOLVING THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE.

SWAZILAND

-- ELECTION DATES SET:
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PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW PARLIAMENT HAVE BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18; SECONDARY ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11.

ZAMBIA

-- GOZ TAKES PREEMPTIVE ACTION AGAINST PUBLIC SERVICE
UNIONS:
WHILE THE UNIONS WERE CANVASSING MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY
WOULD ACCEPT A 50 PERCENT PAY RAISE OR OPT TO DECLARE A
DISPUTE, THE GOZ TOOK PREEMPTIVE ACTION ON AUGUST 6 AND
FORMALLY DECLARED A DISPUTE ITSELF. THE UNIONS WERE TAKEN
BY COMPLETE SURPRISE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THERE APPEARED
TO BE A CHANCE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP MIGHT ACCEPT THE GOZ
OFFER. THE GOZ MIGHT BE TRYING TO DRAMATIZE ITS
DETERMINATION NOT TO GIVE ANYTHING ABOVE 50 PERCENT. THE
GOZ CALLED ON THE UNIONS TO COOPERATE IN APPOINTING A
CONCILIATOR TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. SOME SUSPECT THAT THE
GOZ BELIEVES THE UNIONS FEAR A LONG ARBITRATION BATTLE AND
WILL ACCEPT MORE QUICKLY THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL.

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-- BCCI FUGITIVE ARRIVES IN US; EXTRADITION TREATY IS
NEXT STEP:

ON AUGUST 9, BCCI FUGITIVE BASHIR SHAIK, A PAKISTANI
NATIONAL RESIDENT IN ZIMBABWE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, WAS
ARRAIGNED IN FEDERAL COURT IN TAMPA, FLORIDA. SHAIK IS
ONE OF FIVE FUGITIVES WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE ZIMBABWEAN
AUTHORITIES TO GET EXTRADICTED OR DEPORTED TO THE US THIS
YEAR. WE EXPECT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING A FORMAL EXTRADITION

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TREATY WITH ZIMBABWE LATER THIS YEAR.

-- INVESTMENT AND LAND ACQUISITION DO NOT MIX:
THE AUGUST 4 MEETING OF THE POWERFUL ZIMBABWE COMMERCIAL
FARMERS UNION (CFU) UNDERScoreD THE GROWING RACIAL

DIVISIONS WITHIN ZIMBABWEAN SOCIETY. AT THE MEETING
MINISTER OF LANDS, AGRICULTURE AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
KUMBIRAI KANGAI ADMITTED THAT MOST BLACK-OWNED FARMS WERE
NOT BEING DESIGNATED FOR ACQUISITION--IRRESPECTIVE OF
THEIR PRODUCTIVITY. ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT
INVESTORS AND DONORS ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
LAND ISSUE. IN FACT, TO PROTEST ZIMBABWE'S LAND
ACQUISITION PROGRAM AND CLUMSY ATTEMPTS TO OVERTURN
SUPREME COURT DECISIONS BY PASSING CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INDEFINITELY POSTPONED
AN INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION BY ZIMBABWEAN MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CHRIS USHEWOKUNZE.

-- ZIMBABWE REFUSES TO SEND ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO SOMALIA
UNTIL GOVERNMENT IS REIMBURSED FOR UNITAF/UNISOM II
DEPLOYMENT: MINISTER OF DEFENSE MOVEN MAHACHI TOLD THE
ZIMBABWEAN PRESS THAT NO MORE TROOPS WOULD BE DISPATCHED
TO SOMALIA UNTIL ZIMBABWE HAD BEEN REIMBURSED FOR THE
FIRST BATTALION'S EXPENSES.

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LIBERIA

-- ADVANCE GROUP OF UN OBSERVERS APPROVED:
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ON AUGUST 10, THE UNSC PASSED RESOLUTION 856 WELCOMING THE LIBERIA PEACE ACCORD AND APPROVING THE DISPATCH OF AN ADVANCE TEAM OF 30 MILITARY OBSERVERS TO WORK WITH ECOMOG AND THE LIBERIAN FACTIONS TO MONITOR THE CEASE-FIRE. THE TEAM, WHICH WILL BE DRAWN FROM EXISTING UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE DURING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST. THE UNSC WILL AWAIT THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL TEAM NOW IN MONROVIA BEFORE CONSIDERING A FULL-FLEDGED UN OBSERVER OPERATION AS CALLED FOR IN THE PEACE ACCORD.

-- CROSS-LINES RELIEF SHIPMENTS TO BEGIN:

THE UN TECHNICAL TEAM TRAVELLED TO GBARNGA AUGUST 10 TO MEET WITH CHARLES TAYLOR. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TEAM SECURED TAYLOR'S PERMISSION TO BEGIN CROSS-LINES RELIEF SHIPMENTS. THE FIRST CONVOY WAS TO DEPART MONROVIA ON AUGUST 13. THIS SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ADDRESSING WHAT RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS SAY IS AN IMPENDING FAMINE IN THE KAKATA-GBARNGA CORRIDOR. AT THE SAME TIME, THE UN IS WORKING TO DEPLOY CIVILIAN MONITORS, DRAWN FROM UN AGENCIES IN THE REGION, TO INSPECT CROSS-BORDER SHIPMENTS FROM COTE D'IVOIRE.

-- BACCUS PAYS A CALL:

IGNU FOMIN BACCUS MATTHEWS CALLED ON ED BRYNN AND PRU BUSHNELL AUGUST 12 TO URGE THAT THE US PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANDED ECOMOG PEACEKEEPING FORCE. MATTHEWS IS EXPECTED TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS CURRENT POST IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, BEFORE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IS INSTALLED, SO THAT HE CAN CONTEST THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. HE TOLD US THAT HE HAD NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND.

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CAPE VERDE

-- (NOTHING SIGNIFICANT ON CAPE VERDE AS OF COB AUGUST 11.)

GHANA

-- PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION VISITS WASHINGTON:

DR. IBN CHAMBAS, FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT AND

FORMER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, IS ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ PERSON
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION ON A 28-DAY USIA-SPONSORED VISIT
TO THE U.S. IN GHANA'S 200-MEMBER PARLIAMENT, THERE ARE
16 WOMEN, TWO OF WHOM ARE ON THIS DELEGATION: HAWA YAKUBU
OGEDE, ONE OF THE TWO INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT,
AND GLADYS BOATENG, FROM THE PORT CITY OF TEMA. IN
WASHINGTON, THE DELEGATION RECEIVED A BRIEFING FROM
AID/AFR AND MET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS INCLUDING THE
CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS. THEY WILL BE TRAVELING TO
MISSISSIPPI, CALIFORNIA, NEBRASKA, OHIO AND NEW YORK
BEFORE RETURNING TO ACCRA.

GUINEA-BISSAU

-- POLITICIANS OUT OF DETENTION AGAIN:
OPPOSITION LEADER JOAO DA COSTA AND ANOTHER POLITICIAN,
WHO WERE REARRESTED AUGUST 2 BY ORDER OF A MILITARY COURT,
WERE RELEASED AGAIN EARLY THIS WEEK.

GUINEA

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-- OPIC MISSION SUCCESS: CELLULAR TELECOM LICENSE TO U.S.
FIRM:
WITH EMBASSY CONAKRY'S STRONG SUPPORT FOLLOWING THE MAY
OPIC/USAID MISSION, EQUAL ACCESS OF WASHINGTON HAS WON A
LICENSE TO INSTALL A CELLULAR TELEPHONE SYSTEM IN GUINEA.
GUINEAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EQUAL ACCESS' LOCAL
PARTNER SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON AUGUST 4. EQUAL ACCESS
WILL SEEK TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FINANCING FOR THE

FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASE, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN LATE
AUGUST. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR POST-OPIC MISSION SUCCESS
STORY, AND ONE THAT IS LIKELY TO GREATLY ENHANCE THE
BUSINESS CLIMATE BY IMPROVING GUINEA'S TELECOMMUNICATION
CAPACITY.

MAURITANIA

-- PRESIDENT TAYA'S RETURN:
PRESIDENT TAYA RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT ON AUGUST 4 AFTER AN
UNPRECEDENTED THREE-WEEK, STILL UNEXPLAINED, STAY IN
PARIS. IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES ON AUGUST 5, HE APPEARED TO
BE IN NORMAL HEALTH AND SPIRITS. TAYA'S RETURN HAS NOT
ENDED THE SPECULATION THAT HE HAS A SERIOUS LONG-TERM

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MEDICAL PROBLEM. HE PLANS A STAY IN THE HAMSA REGION OF
ATTAR, A STAY THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CALLED A NORMAL
VACATION BY HIS SUPPORTERS, AND A CONVALESCENCE BY HIS
OPPONENTS.

-- THE SAGA OF DOULOS:

MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT (GIRM) OFFICIALS LAST WEEK ORDERED
THE SERIOUS, COMPETENT DOULOS COMMUNITY, A U.S. BASED NGO
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PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE AND MATERNAL/CHILD HEALTH CARE
PROGRAMS IN NOUAKCHOTT, TO HALT ITS ACTIVITIES AND LEAVE.
AFTER EMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE GIRM AND
THE DEPARTMENT'S AUGUST 10 DISCUSSION WITH THE MAURITANIAN
AMBASSADOR, THE GIRM REVERSED ITS DECISION AGAINST
DOULOS. THE MOVE APPEARED TO BE AN ILL-CONSIDERED AND
UNCOORDINATED DECISION BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WHICH
WAS TAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS EFFORT TO CONTROL
RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISTS.

NIGERIA

-- PARTIES' INTERIM GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL:

THE PARTIES HAVE PROPOSED AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN WHICH
ALL POSITIONS EXCEPT THAT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BUT
INCLUDING HEAD OF STATE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE
ARMED FORCES, WOULD BE FILLED BY CIVILIANS. THE PROPOSED
GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE A TERM OF 18 MONTHS AND WOULD RULE
BY DECREE. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE DOWN-SIZED AND
THE PARTIES RADICALLY RESTRUCTURED. BABANGIDA WOULD STEP
DOWN.

-- OR WOULD HE?:

OUR MISSION'S INTERLOCUTORS INCREASINGLY DOUBT BABANGIDA'S
WILLINGNESS TO STEP DOWN. AT BEST, THEY SAY, HE MIGHT
STEP ASIDE AND PERMIT A NOMINALLY CIVILIAN AUTHORITY TO

FUNCTION WHILE PULLING STRINGS FROM BEHIND THE SCENES.
BABANGIDA HAS INDICATED HIS VIEWS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC ON
AUGUST 16.

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-- AIR SERVICE TO U.S. SUSPENDED:

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AUGUST 11 ORDERED THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN LAGOS AIRPORT AND THE U.S. THE DECISION RESULTED FROM THE AIRPORT'S DISMAL FAILURE, DESPITE NINE MONTHS OF FAA COACHING, TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES. THE REGIME REACTED ANGRILY, CLAIMING THAT THE DOT ACTION WAS MOTIVATED BY "POLITICAL AND PERSONAL" CONSIDERATIONS.

-- MORE ARRESTS:

POLICE BROKE UP AN AUGUST 9 MEETING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OPPOSED TO THE PARTY LEADERSHIP'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, THE REGIME CONTINUES TO ARREST HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS AROUND THE COUNTRY, PERHAPS IN ORDER TO NIP IN THE BUD ANY ACTIVISM THAT MIGHT GIVE A NATIONAL FLAVOR TO THE CURRENT SOUTHWEST-BASED OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME'S POLITICAL MANEUVERINGS.

-- GENERAL STRIKE EFFECTIVE IN LAGOS AREA:

THE THREE-DAY GENERAL STRIKE CALLED BY THE CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRACY TO PROTEST THE REGIME'S ANNULMENT OF THE JUNE 12 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT MANIPULATIONS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS, IS EFFECTIVE IN SOUTHWESTERN NIGERIA, BUT ADHERENCE SEEMS MINIMAL ELSEWHERE.

SENEGAL

-- OIC DELEGATION INCLUDES SENEGALESE FORMIN NIASSE:

THE SECRETARY AGREED TO MEET ON AUGUST 13 WITH AN ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) DELEGATION FOR AN
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EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA. THE GROUP INCLUDED SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSTAPHA NIASSE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OIC (DR. HAMID AL-GABID), FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PAKISTAN AND TURKEY AND THE TUNISIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AFTER THE OIC MEETING, THE SECRETARY MET SEPARATELY WITH NIASSE TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DIOUF TO CLINTON, BELIEVED TO CONCERN THE FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL CANDIDACY OF JACQUES DIOUF.

BENIN

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-- NEW OPPOSITION POLITICAL COALITION FORMED

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TWENTY-FIVE BENINESE POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE FORMED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FORCES OF CHANGE (CNFC) WITH THE STATED AIM OF PRESERVING THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL UNITY CREATED DURING BENIN'S DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. UNITY MAY BE DIFFICULT WITHIN THE GROUP ITSELF, HOWEVER, SINCE ITS MEMBERSHIP RANGES FROM CENTRIST TO ULTRALEFTIST PARTIES. THE ORGANIZATION'S CHARTER IMPLIES A DUAL MANDATE TO PROVIDE AN OPPOSITION FORUM AND AN ORGAN TO GUARANTEE CONSTITUTIONAL CHECKS AND BALANCES. WHILE IT'S AIMS ARE LAUDABLE, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE PROGRAMS WILL PREVAIL OVER THE PERSONALITIES.

COTE D'IVOIRE

-- HOUPHOUET'S HEALTH - WHO TO BELIEVE:
THE RUMOR MILL IS CONTINUING TO SPECULATE OVER PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S HEALTH IN SPITE OF PUBLIC REASSURANCES
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OFFERED BY HIS ADVISORS. ONE REPORTER WENT SO FAR AS TO QUESTION WHETHER FRANCE WOULD CONCEAL HIS DEATH UNTIL ALL NECESSARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO RESPOND TO ANY UNREST THAT MIGHT FOLLOW THE ANNOUNCEMENT (READ: FRENCH MILITARY FORCES READIED). HIGH IVORIAN AND FRENCH SOURCES ARE INSISTING THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, THE PRESIDENT IS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH AND HAS BEGUN GRANTING AUDIENCES TO OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE CALLERS. NONETHELESS, HE HAS STILL NOT BEEN HEARD OR SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE JUNE.

TOGO

-- EFFORTS TO RESOLVE OLYMPIO CANDIDACY QUESTION UNSUCCESSFUL:
DESPITE INTENSE EFFORTS BY THE COMITE DE SUIVI, THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTORAL MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR TOGO'S UPCOMING ELECTIONS, LEADING OPPOSITION FIGURE GILCHRIST OLYMPIO WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ON AUGUST 25. THE COMITE OBTAINED GOT AGREEMENT ON A COMPROMISE TO RESOLVE THE TECHNICAL PROBLEM OF OLYMPIO'S MEDICAL CLEARANCE, ARRANGING FOR OLYMPIO TO TRAVEL TO LOME TO UNDERGO THE MEDICAL EXAM REQUIRED BY THE ELECTORAL CODE WITH AN ESCORT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMITE AND THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY OBSERVER MISSION TO ENSURE HIS PERSONAL SAFETY. OLYMPIO DID NOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT THE

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OFFER, ARGUING FOR ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONS. UNCLASSIFIED AS A
RESULT, PROSPECTS FOR HIS ACTIVE CANDIDACY APPEAR TO HAVE
REACHED THE END OF THE LINE.

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-- CORE INDUSTRY PRIVATIZATION:

THE CORE ASSETS OF THE GOTG-OWNED AND OPERATED GROUNDNUT
PARASTATAL, THE GAMBIA PRODUCE MARKETING BOARD (GPMB),
HAVE BEEN SOLD TO A JOINT VENTURE OF THE GAMBIA
COOPERATIVE UNION AND SWISS-BASED ALIMENTA. AID HAS
ACTIVELY SUPPORTED PRIVATIZATION OF GPMB. THE SALE WAS
THE CRITICAL ELEMENT FOR MEETING THE FIRST TRANCHE
CONDITIONALITY FOR A DOLLARS 17.35 MILLION FINANCIAL AND
PRIVATE ENTERPRISE PROGRAM.

-- CENSUS RESULTS:

EARLY NUMBERS FROM THE 1993 CENSUS SHOW THAT THE GAMBIA'S
POPULATION HAS INCREASED FROM 688,000 IN 1983 TO OVER ONE
MILLION. THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE FOR THE TEN-YEAR
PERIOD WAS 4.1 PERCENT, UP FROM 3.4 PERCENT DURING THE
PREVIOUS TEN YEARS. IMMIGRATION IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR
CONTRIBUTOR TO THE HIGH POPULATION GROWTH RATE.

12. (U) THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

CONGRESS IS IN RECESS.

13. (U) CALENDAR

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AUG. 22: FIRST ROUND LEGISLATIVE AND PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS IN C.A.R.

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AUG. 25: FIRST ROUND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN TOGO

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AUG. 27: NIGERIAN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.

SEPTEMBER

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SEPT. 5: COMOROS ISLANDS GOVERNORS' ELECTIONS.

SEPT. 8: RUN-OFF OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN TOGO.

SEPT. 12: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

DECEMBER

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DEC. 5: FIRST ROUND OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN GABON.

DEC. 19: SECOND ROUND OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN GABON
(IF NEEDED).

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APRIL 27: SOUTH AFRICAN MULTIRACIAL ELECTIONS.

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15. (LOU) A FINAL REMINDER: PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT
DISTRIBUTION IS RESTRICTED TO STATE PERSONNEL ONLY.

16. AF STADIS ONLY. ASMARA, BRAZZAVILLE, KINSHASA,
MOGADISHU AND LUANDA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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